# BUDGET SMOOTHING PROPOSAL



### **Bond Bill Cash**

- Certain items are not appropriately funded through bonds:
  - Do not have a 20 year life or;
  - May not qualify for tax exempt financing

 Appropriated to non-state agency entity therefore triggering a supermajority vote requirement and not suitable for the operating budget



# **Bond Bill Cash Requirements**

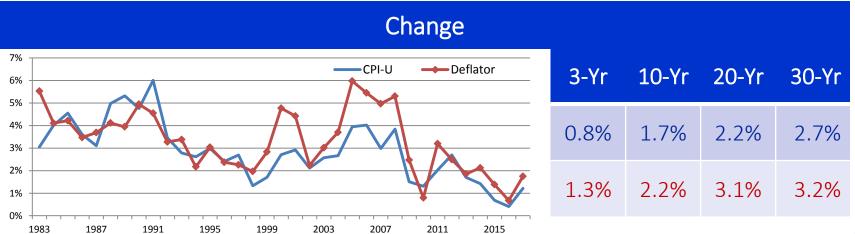
	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
	2019Rec	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Economic Development									
Strategic Fund									
<ul> <li>Research Grants</li> </ul>									
• RDC	\$26.9	\$22.4	\$17.5	\$18.2	\$34.2	\$30.7	\$36.2	\$38.7	\$35.8
Environment									
Drinking Water     Class Water									
<ul><li>Clean Water</li><li>Shoreline Mgt</li></ul>	13.9	8.9	10.2	8.1	7.8	10.3	6.4	10.8	6.6
Local Law/Fire	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2	0.3	4.0	4.3	2.6	2.2
Other	10.5	0.4	-	0.3	0.4	8.0	-	1.5	-
TOTAL CASH	\$52.6	\$33.2	\$29.3	\$27.8	\$42.7	\$53.0	\$46.9	\$53.6	\$44.6

Average per year = \$42.6 million Cash projects leveraged over \$80 million in matching funds in FY 18.



# Comparison of CPI and State & Local Gov't Implicit Price Deflator

Composition							
Expenditure CPI Deflator							
Goods	40.9%	13.4%					
Services	26.4%	90.6%					
Housing / Consumption of Capital	32.7%	17.1%					
Other	N/A	-21.2%					





# Budget Stabilization Fund and Budget Benchmark

- Rainy Day Fund merged into new Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF), capped at 10% of gross General Fund revenues
- No change to 98% appropriation limit
- Create budget benchmark based on economic and demographic measures (income, prices, population)
- Benchmark limits growth of operating budget plus grants-in-aid [with adjustment for operating items in cash to the bond bill]



## **BSF Deposit and Withdrawal Rules**

- If 98% rule generates appropriation limit above the benchmark, excess is deemed "extraordinary funds"
  - Half must go to BSF until it reaches 10% cap, at which point it is available for any use
  - Half is always and only available for one-times
- Withdrawals are allowed if
  - Operating deficit is greater than 2% set-aside, or
  - If growth in 98% limit falls short of benchmark limit growth



### Withdrawal Rule Limitations

- Withdrawals must be the lesser of
  - Half of the relevant shortfall, or
  - Half of the balance in the fund
- BSF has a floor of 3% of gross general fund revenues



## **Benchmark in Action**

Deposit		WD—Operating De	eficit	WD—Slow Revenues		
Prior Operating + GIA + 1%	100	100% Approp. Limit	100	Prior Operating + GIA + 1%	100	
98% Appropriations Limit	105	98% Approp. Limit	98	98% Appropriations Limit	103	
Benchmark Approp. Limit	103	Operating Balance	(4)	Benchmark Approp. Limit	105	
Extraordinary Revenues	2	Excess Over 2% Set-Aside	2	Withdrawal*	1	
BSF Deposit	1	Withdrawal*	1			
One-Time Expenditures	1	* Withdrawals of this am	ount re	equire a BSF balance of at lea	st 2	



## **Budget Measures Requiring 3/5 Vote**

#### **Current Practice**

- To appropriate funds above the 98% rule
- To appropriate from the Budget Reserve Account

#### **Proposed Model**

- To appropriate funds above the 98% rule (aside from Budget Stabilization Fund withdrawals)
- To reduce the required deposit of extraordinary funds to the BSF or redirect to one-time expenditures
- To withdraw more from the BSF than allowed by rule
- To adopt or change economic measure(s) used for budget benchmark



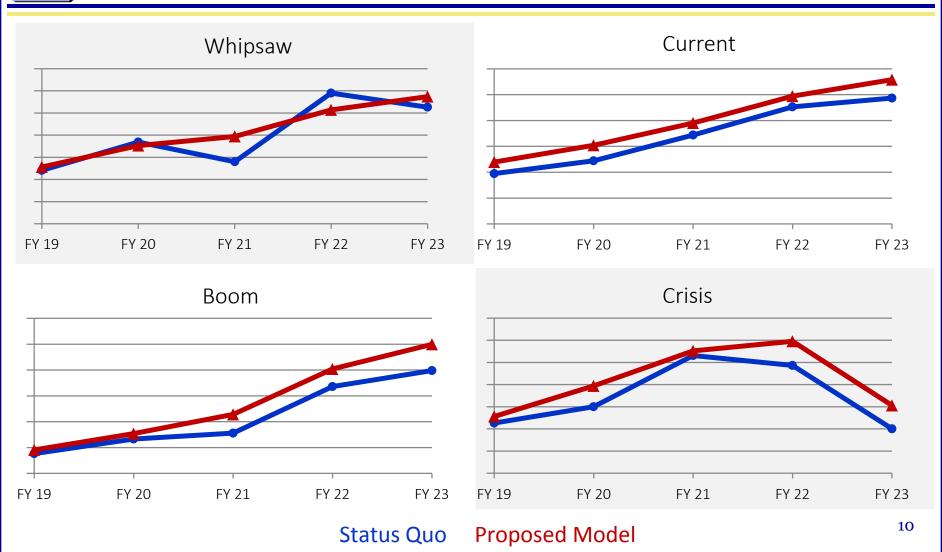
# **Economic Benchmark and Revenue Assumptions**

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
Benchmark	_	3.1%	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%
Whipsaw (FY 11)	9%	-5%	11%	-4%	11%	0%
Current (FY 17)	0%	8%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Boom (FY 02)	4%	1%	12%	5%	10%	4%
Crisis <i>(FY 05)</i>	5%	10%	4%	2%	-6%	-6%

Whipsaw	Current	Boom	Crisis

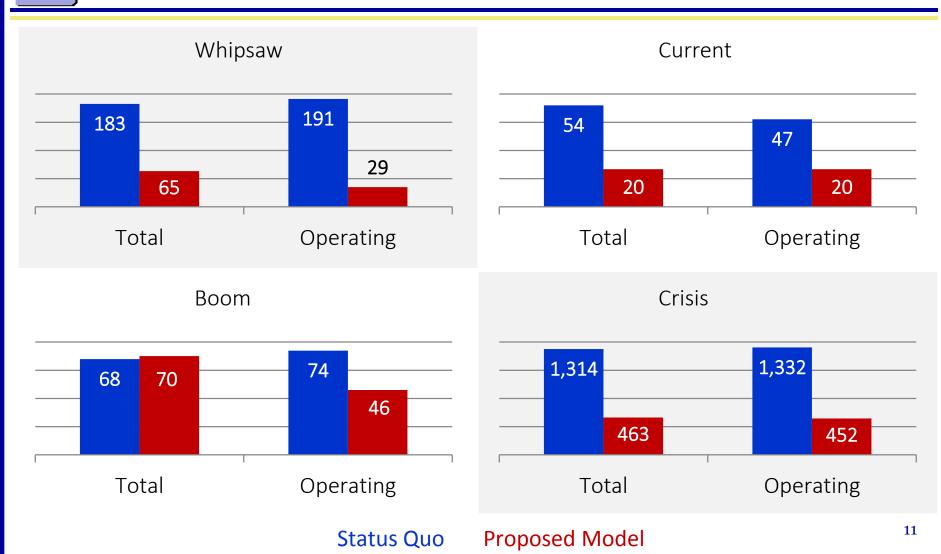


## **Smoother Operating Budgets**





# **Lower Volatility**





# **Total Spending Will Change**

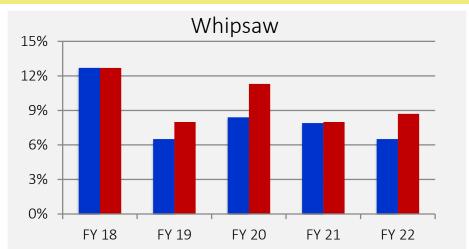
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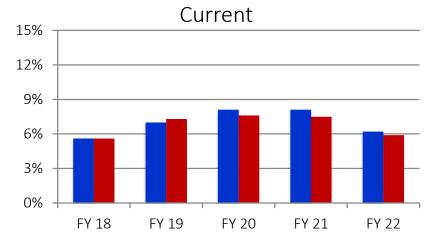
Budget Effects								
Case	Average Status Quo	Average Proposed Model	Percent Reduction					
Whipsaw	4,579	4,577	-0.01%					
Current	4,502	4,508	0.01%					
Boom	4,869	4,815	-1.09%					
Crisis	4,606	4,616	0.22%					

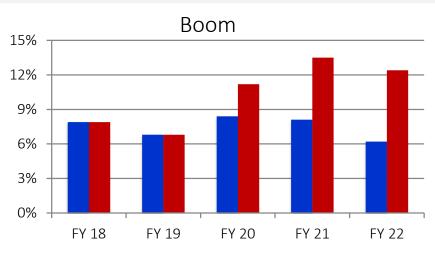


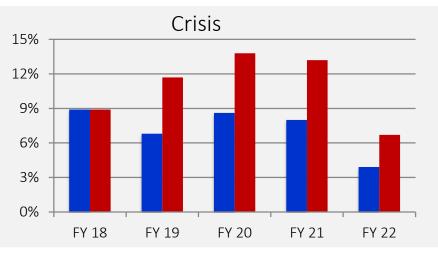
## Reserves Are Generally Higher

(% of gross GF revenue)









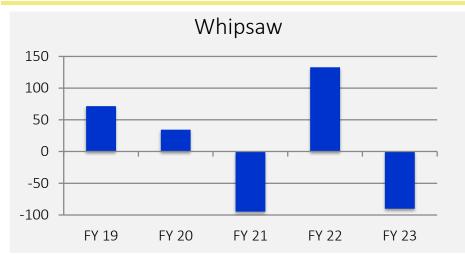
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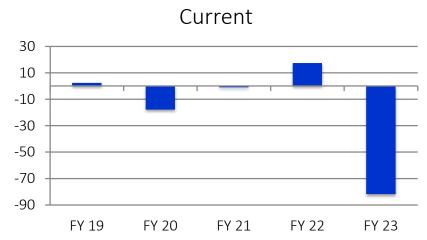
Proposed Model

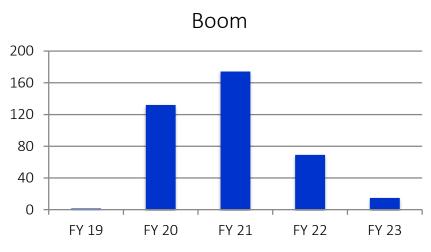


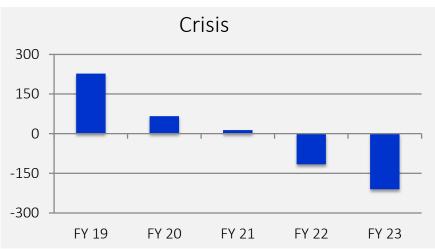
#### Reserves are Used

(\$ in millions)











# Revenue Reforms within both Illustrations

- The Illustrations to follow represent a "Rate-Focused" baseline and a "Equity-Focused" baseline
- Both illustrations include:
  - Age-based preferences replaced with \$22,500 (joint) / \$17,500 (single) retirement income exemption
  - Itemized deductions repealed
  - Means-Test of age-based preferences, phased out along the same ranges of \$110K - \$160K (joint) / \$60K - \$110K (single)
  - Eligibility age of 65, taxpayers 60 and older grandfathered in
  - Adjustments to prior estimates to consider the effects of federal tax reform



### **Differences between Illustrations**

#### **Rate Focus**

- Means-Test on Delaware AGI plus Retirement Income
- No change to CIT payment patterns
- Rate cuts more than offset package in FY 1
- Full package including age-based changes start in TY 1

#### **Equity Focus**

- Means-Test also includes Taxable SS Income
- Adjust CIT payment patterns at a cost
- CIT change and rate cuts largely offset itemization repeal
- Age-based changes start in TY 2

#### **Rate Tables**

Income Over	Current Rate	Rate Focus	Equity Focus
\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
\$2,000	2.20%	2.10%	2.20%
\$5,000	3.90%	3.70%	3.80%
\$10,000	4.80%	4.60%	4.70%
\$20,000	5.20%	5.00%	5.10%
\$25,000	5.55%	5.20%	5.50%
\$60,000	6.60%	5.98%	6.10%
\$150,000	6.60%	5.98%	6.40%

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### **Illustration Outcomes**

Fiscal Impacts (\$ in millions)								
Illustration FY19 FY 20 FY 21 FY 22								
Rate Focus	-5.8	40.6	56.4	63.9				
Equity Focus	5.5	104.1	114.6	130.3				

Distributional Impact						Descript	tive Reference Poi	nts
Quintile	_	verage TY 20  Change  Share of		<sup>-</sup> Change	Quintile	Current TY 20	O .	TY 20 Average Observed
	Rate	Equity	Rate	Equity	Liability	Income <sup>1</sup>		
1	\$(5)	\$(1)	-1.7%	-0.1%	1	\$105	\$7,311	\$11,720
2	\$(6)	\$22	-1.7%	2.0%	2	\$619	\$24,150	\$33,534
3	\$54	\$129	16.3%	11.9%	3	\$1,408	\$39,472	\$59,971
4	\$196	\$327	59.8%	30.2%	4	\$2,649	\$70,199	\$99,724
5	\$90	\$605	27.3%	55.9%	5	\$9,468	\$148,229 <sup>2</sup>	\$188,138 <sup>2</sup>

 $<sup>^{\ 1}</sup>$  "Observed income" is all taxable and nontaxable income reported on Form 1040

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Median shown here to remove effects of outliers and non-residents with limited apportionment to Delaware